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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SCHEDULE FILING PROCEDURES

REF: (A) STATE 310899 (1977) (B) TEHRAN 2900

1. AT THE END OF 1977 THERE WERE A NUMBER OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY CONCERNING THE EMBASSY'S SUBMISSION TO WASHINGTON OF IRAN AIR'S WINTER SCHEDULE. THE EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED IT TO OBTAIN THE IRAN AIR SCHEDULE BECAUSE NEITHER THE AIRLINE NOR THE MFA HAD SUBMITTED THE DATA AS REQUIRED BY THE CAPACITY PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM OF FEB. 1, 1973. IN VARIOUS CABLES THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THE EMBASSY OF THE NECESSITY TO PROMPTLY SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED MEMO. REFTEL A INSTRUCTED THE EMBASSY TO FORWARD ALL FUTURE

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IRAN AIR SCHEDULE SUBMISSIONS BY CABLE AND NOT BY AIRGRAM.

2. DESPITE THIS REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD OF HAVING RECEIVED A TELEGRAM CONTAINING IRAN AIR'S 1978 SUMMER SCHEDULE. TEHRAN AIRGRAM A-25 DATED FEB. 9, 1978,

FORWARDED MFA NOTE 14155/18 DATED JANUARY 30, 1978

WHICH INCLUDED THE IRAN AIR SUMMER SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1. THIS AIRGRAM WAS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON FEB. 21.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE EMBASSY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBMITTING ALL IRAN AIR SCHEDULES BY TELEGRAM SINCE THE CAPACITY PROCEDURES MEMO ALLOWS ONLY FIFTEEN DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THE SCHEDULE TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THAT SCHEDULE AND TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS. TRANSMITTING THE SCHEDULE 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT AND THEN BY AIRGRAM RATHER THAN TELEGRAM (A LAPSE OF 13 MORE DAYS) EFFECTIVELY CANCELLED THE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO REGISTER OBJECTIONS TO OR TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS ON THE FILING.

4. IN REFTTEL B THE EMBASSY COMBINED TWO MFA NOTES, ONE DATED MARCH 6 (DATE OF EMBASSY RECEIPT NOT STATED) AND ONE DATED MARCH 11, RECEIVED BY EMBASSY ON MARCH 16 IN A CABLE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 27. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE MORE EXPEDITIOUS DESPATCH OF SAME.

5. THE STATE OF CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES IS SOMEWHAT TENUOUS DUE TO THE ANNOUNCED OBJECTIVE OF IRAN TO RESTRICT US RIGHTS, TO LIMIT THE ESSENTIAL PROVISIONS OF THE BILATERAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECAUSE OF THEIR UNILATERAL ACTIONS TOWARD US AIRLINES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. THEREFORE, IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE PROMPT AND ACCURATE INFORMATION BY TELEGRAM.

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